

an act passed at December session 1823, chapter 185, entitled, An act to repair the highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes.

Mr. Semmes offered the following order for consideration:

Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to allow the payment for postage on letters on public business, received by the chairman of the standing committees, as such, of both houses of the legislature, during the present session.

Which was read; when Mr. Teackle proposed the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to allow the payment of charges for postage on letters received by members of both houses, during the present session of the general assembly.

Mr. Semmes moved to amend the substitute, by inserting the word "public," after the words, "for postage on." And the question thereon being taken, it was negatived.

The question then recurred, and was taken, Will the house adopt the substitute proposed? It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Thomas of Cecil, then moved to amend the order offered by Mr. Semmes, by striking out the words, "chairman of the standing committees, as such," for the purpose of inserting in lieu thereof, the word, "members;" And the question thereon being taken, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was then put, That the further consideration of said order, so amended, be referred to the first day of June next? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas of Saint-Mary's, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

The committee on divorces, to whom was recommitted the petition of James Galbraith, of Cecil county, with additional documents for their examination, have duly considered the same, and report that they see no reason for dissenting from their former report. They therefore beg leave to submit the following order.

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from any further consideration of said petition.

Richard Thomas, Chairman.

By order,

Jas. H. Milbourne, Com. Cl'k.

Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

The select committee, to whom was referred, an order, "to inquire into the situation of the state's claim on the government of the United States, for interest on monies ex-